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CIA recruitment at ISU continues despite protests

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AMES, IA. — Three persons were handcuffed and forcibly removed from placement offices at Iowa State University Monday after they refused to end their protest against recruiting here by the Central Intelligence Agency.

The three — students Mark Bruns and Scott Miksch, and Ames resident Richard Kramer — are members of a group called New Students for a Democratic Society, which joined in one of the most organized CIA protests here in recent years.

"There comes a point when you just cannot go along with the forces in power," said Bruns, when officers told him to leave.

Outside the placement building, a dozen students belonging to a separate anti-CIA group passed out leaflets hoping to discourage students who had scheduled interviews.

The leaflets claimed that the CIA helped overthrow the Guatemalan government in 1954 and that it is involved in full-scale war in Nicaragua.

"Over 7,000 civilians have been murdered by CIA-trained mercenaries," the leaflets said.

The group, called People Against the CIA on Campus, held a noon rally on campus featuring Vern Lyons, a 1966 Iowa State graduate who worked for the CIA in Cuba.

"It was the biggest mistake I ever made in my life," said Lyons, who now

works for the Hispanic Ministries in Des Moines.

He addressed more than 100 students and told them: "I beseech you to look at the CIA with clear eyes. It is a marriage you cannot get out of."

Despite the efforts, the interviews continued through the day. About 20 engineering students met with CIA interviewers Monday. Another 28 students from the College of Sciences and Humanities are scheduled for CIA interviews today and Wednesday.

Bruns, Miksch and Kramer were released by security officers after they were removed from the building.

"We threatened to arrest them if they returned," said ISU security chief Dean Drake.

Before being led away, Bruns placed a copy of his resume at a doorway in the interview area, with "No Thanks CIA" scrawled in what appeared to be blood.